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2. (Twice Amended) A liquid-permeable cover sheet according to claim 1, wherein the first material layer consists of a nonwoven material comprising fibres having a surface, in which at least the surface of the fibres essentially consists of polyethylene.

3. (Twice Amended) A liquid-permeable cover sheet according to claim 2, wherein the fibres are two-component fibres consisting of a core of polypropylene and a surrounding covering of polyethylene.

4. (Amended) A liquid-permeable cover sheet according to Claim 2, wherein the fibres are two-component fibres consisting of a core of polyester and a surrounding covering of polyethylene.

5. (Amended) A liquid-permeable cover sheet according to claim 1, wherein the first material layer consists of a perforated plastic film.

6. (Three times Amended) A liquid-permeable cover sheet according to claim 1 and further having a second material layer, wherein a surface of the second material layer essentially consists of polypropylene.

7. (Amended) A liquid-permeable cover sheet according to claim 6, wherein the second material layer is a nonwoven material which essentially is made up of polypropylene fibres.

8. (Twice Amended) Absorbent article comprising an absorbent body enclosed between a liquid-impermeable cover sheet and a liquid-permeable cover sheet, which liquid-permeable cover sheet comprises at least a first material layer, wherein a surface of the first material layer essentially consists of polyethylene which has been treated with plasma or corona in order to obtain liquid permeability, and said surface of the first material layer has an oxygen/carbon ratio which is equal to or higher than 0.23.

9. (Twice Amended) Absorbent article according to claim 8, wherein the liquid-permeable cover sheet comprises a second material layer which has a material surface which essentially consists of polypropylene.

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10. (Twice Amended) Absorbent article according to claim 9, wherein the first material layer is situated nearest the absorbent body and in that the second material layer is situated farthest from the absorbent body.

11. (Amended) Absorbent article according to Claim 9, wherein the second material layer is situated nearest the absorbent body and in that the first material layer is situated farthest from the absorbent body.